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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster County Attorney's Office, and the Drug Enforcement Administration announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: On March 3, 2009, a Lincoln woman was sentenced to ten years and one month (121 months) in prison for her involvement in a conspiracy to sell methamphetamine in the Lincoln area between June of 2007 and January of 2008. Information provided to law enforcement indicated that Amy McNally was involved in the distribution of between about 18 ounces and three pounds of methamphetamine during that time. An undercover officer purchased small amounts of methamphetamine from McNally on four occasions in December of 2007 and January of 2008. Following the prison term, McNally will serve four years on supervised release. She was also ordered to pay \$440 restitution to the Lincoln Police Department and a \$100 special assessment to the Court.

Name of Defendant: Amy L. McNally

AKA:

Age: 36

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Count I: Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than five years nor more than 40 years in prison and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than four years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: McNally was held responsible for the distribution of at least 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) and 1.5 kilograms (approximately 3 pounds) of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Mark Therien. He also pled guilty and was sentenced to nine years in prison in November of 2008.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between on or about June 1, 2007, and on or about January 31, 2008.

Federal Arrest Date: February 26, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: February 21, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: February 27, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): McNally pled guilty on December 3, 2008

Sentencing Date: March 3, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none.

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: McNally was held without bond from February 16, 2008, to April 23, 2008, and again from October 31, 2008 to present.

In Continuous Custody Since: October 31, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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